

## Church News

### Conemaugh, Pa.

As Conemaugh has not been heard from recently thru the EVANGELIST. I thought a few pencillings from here would possibly be of some interest, at least it will help fill the paper.

Nov. 4, was set for our communion service; I made a visit of the membership, preached several nights prior to the communion but when the hour arrived to engage in the service on account of the illness of my wife I was not permitted to engage in the service. Brethren Daniel and William Crofford and J. L. Bowman were present and they conducted the service for me. The service was well attended and all enjoyed the meeting with but one exception, and that was the many sympathizers of my wife.

On Nov. 15, I went to Altoona in Brother Spanogle's charge and preached four sermons and as an immediate result three were baptized and others almost persuaded, and on Sunday evening, Nov. 18, had a very enjoyable communion service. Returned home Monday at 9 A. M. the 19, and at 2 P. M. preached the funeral of one of our near neighbors. A man about 42 years old and had never identified himself with any church; his sympathies were with the Brethren church. I think if he would have lived a while longer he would have become a member.

Then in the evening of the same day at 8 P. M. quite a number of our noble hearted brethren and sisters and friends found their way to the parsonage and loaded our table down with the necessary things of life which was highly appreciated and for which we are very thankful indeed and pray God's richest blessings upon them. Such is the record of a few events which are above the ordinary.

Nov. 26, 1900, I expect to leave home for a protracted effort in Brother Smith's charge in New Jersey. We ask the prayers of all for the success of this meeting.

J. F. KOONTZ.

### McLouth, Kan.

While the church at McLouth has not given any report thru the paper for some time she has not been asleep to the best interests of the cause she loves, altho she may not be as thoroughly awake and active in the work as she should be, yet she is quietly trying to build up the cause of Christ. Brother Braker held a three week's meeting during October which was a very enjoyable season, and resulted in one added to the church and others interested. And on the evening of Nov. 17, we held a very pleasant love feast, altho some were kept away by sickness. Brother W. J. H. Bauman and brother A. J. Hixson, two old and loved veterans of the cross, were with us and we always enjoy worshipping and visiting with these pioneer brethren, they give us much encouragement and inspiration in the work. Two weeks ago we visited the Fairview Brethren and participated in their lovefeast. Here we met with Brother Enslow, our district evangelist, and I want to call the attention of the brethren of the Kanemorado district to the fact that Brother Enslow is ready for the work but can do nothing without funds. Now are we going to neglect to pay our assessments and thereby delay the work that is so much needed? At Fairview the harvest is waiting and unless work is soon done some precious grain will be wasted. They are also needing a pastor to come and live among them and doubtless there are other fields in our district where work is much needed. Come brethren and sisters let us awake to our duty.

MARGARET KIMMEL.

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### Pittsburg, Pa.

We closed the revival meeting at Brush Valley, Pa. last Friday evening. Four were received from the G. B. Church, and eight accessions by baptism. Brother R. Z. Replogle did the preaching over Sundays. We understand that brother J. B. Wampler took up the work on last Sunday and preached a few sermons. He had one accession by baptism, and two applicants. We were sorry we had to leave the field on account of church work here and sickness. I urged that each Brethren family should subscribe for the EVANGELIST.

ROGER DARLING.

### Turlock, Calif.

Pray, do not think that the Turlock church is dead because we do not report. For we are apt to become engrossed with the little world with which we have to do, and forget that the brotherhood would be interested to hear of our progress in Christ's work.

For, I do believe our church is making some progress. Most of the people are interested a great deal in crops, business and other temporal affairs, and yet I know that most of our members are also deeply concerned about their individual spiritual welfare and the spiritual welfare of others. In behalf of the churches here, I can say with some degree of certainty that they are using all the available means of grace within their reach. We are not growing in numbers but as a whole are making progress in spiritual strength. There is more unity and peace and love than heretofore, for which we thank God. A good deal of it is due to the faithful labors of our pastor.

A goodly number of the Turlock congregation attended the Brethren camp-meeting which was held near Stockton between Aug. 23 and Sept. 2. All pronounced it a success. There were many good things done to the glory of God and the blessing of those who were there. I believe every one who went there in the spirit of true worship came home more consecrated to God. There were seven souls won to Christ. We know there is rejoicing in heaven and we rejoice too. A great number attended the communion service there. It seemed that the Savior

was really with us, for we were drawn more closely together in the bonds of Christian love. Our Lord must have known what a great blessing this ordinance would be to us. God grant that we may all eat together at the 'Great Supper of the Lamb.'

Our Sunday-school at Turlock is very interesting. It is a union Sunday-school, because there are such a few children of Brethren families. One Brethren family we are going to lose, the family of brother D. W. Ronk who will move soon to San Jose. We pray for God's blessing to follow them.

The Home Department that was organized to the Sunday-school nearly a year ago, failed for some reason.

The C. E. has a long roll of members, quite a number active. It is becoming a very necessary auxiliary to the church and a power for good. The social committee have prepared an excellent program for a social Wednesday evening, the first one held by this society. At the consecration meeting Sunday evening in commenting on the lesson 'The Sin of Worry,' Brother Shively expressed these thoughts. 'We are all apt to fall into this sin, i. e. getting a fit of the 'blues'. There is, indeed, a sense in which 'All things work together for good to them that love the Lord,' but it depends on how we are exercised by these 'all things'. If we let trouble, disappointments, sickness or sorrow, worry us to any extent then they are not exercised for our good. Yet they are truly 'blessings in disguise' if we put our trust in the Lord and overcome this disposition to worry. The closer we live to Christ and put ourselves in the sunshine of His love, the better will we be able to sing 'There's sunshine in my soul today.'

Following this Young People's meeting a temperance sermon was preached by our pastor, the subject being, 'A Gigantic Conspiracy'. It was an eloquent sermon and I'll try to give an abstract of it for the benefit of EVANGELIST readers. Brother Shively's whole soul is in the cause of temperance and he says that altho a minister should not meddle with political questions, yet when there is a moral issue involved he dares not keep still. Brethren, remember him and his people at Turlock in your prayers.

RUBY C. NELSON.

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